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- (1) M. NISHIKAWA et al., Pharmaceutical Research, Vol. 10, No. 9, 1993, pp. 1253-1261;
- (2) J. MURATA et al., Journal of Biomaterials Science Polymer Edition, Vol. 8, No. 12, 1997, pp. 931-946;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 4,386,026 to PONPIPOM et al., which issued on May 31, 1983;

- (4) European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 640 622, which was published on March 1, 1995, together with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,688,931 to NOGUSA et al., which issued on November 18, 1997 (family member WO 94/19376 A1 has previously been cited in the Information Disclosure Statement); and
- (5) International Patent Application Publication No. WO 98/56424, which was published on December 17, 1998, together with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,338,843 to DUNCAN et al., which issued on January 15, 2002.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the European Examiner applying European rules to the European claims are set forth in the European Search Report.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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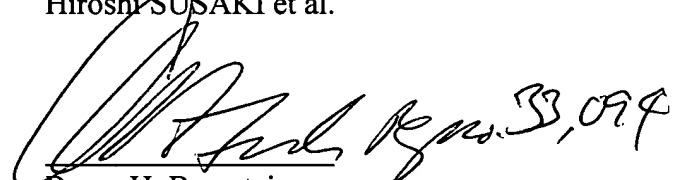
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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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